staying in India as on 31.12.2008. Community based data of Afghan nationals staying in India is not maintained. The main demands of the Hindu and Sikh oustees from Afghanistan relate to grant of Indian citizenship and for multiple re-entry visa. Appropriate action as per law is taken on their demands.

(b) 1499 Afghan nationals have been granted Indian Citizenship upto 30.6.2009.

(c) and (d) Requests for grant of Indian Citizenship to Afghan nationals are considered under the relevant provisions contained in Section 5 and 6 of the Citizenship Act, 1955. As per Rule 7 & 9 of the Citizenship Rules, 1956, the applications for grant of Indian Citizenship are received and processed by State Governments/Central Government at different stages. All such applications, as and when received by the Central Government from the State Governments are processed immediately as per the provisions of law. No centralized data base of pending applications is maintained in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(e) Hindu and Sikh oustees from Afghanistan staying in India and registered with Foreigners Regional Registration Officers (FRROs)/Foreigners Registration Officers (FROs), are granted two re-entry facilities in a year for a maximum period of 45 days each OR one re-entry facility for a maximum period of 90 days. This re-entry facility is granted to the Hindu and Sikh oustees from Afghanistan for (i) disposal of their property in Afghanistan or (ii) for visiting a country other than Afghanistan and Pakistan provided the request is found justified.

Foreigners visiting with valid visa

†2034. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the country-wise number of foreigners who visited India on valid Visa during last five years;

(b) whether illegal visa-holders were apprehended; and

(c) if so, the number thereof alongwith the names of their countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) As per available information foreigners who visited India on valid Visas during last five year, viz., 2004 to 2008 is given in the table below:-

Year	No. of foreigners who visited India on valid visas
2004	3478444
2005	3967382
2006	4447167
2007	5096990
2008	5278852

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Details of the country-wise arrival of foreigners in India on valid visas during the year 2004 to 2008 are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) and (c) As per available information, a total of 1703 foreigners were detected with forged/fake travel documents during the last 5 years at five major international airports viz., Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai & Amritsar Airports. Of these 1703 foreigners, 285 foreigners were apprehended for visa forgery cases. Year-wise details of foreigners detected with forged/fake travel documents at five Immigration Check Posts during the year 2004-2008 are given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

Country-wise arrival of foreigners during the years 2004 to 2008

Country	Arrival of foreigners				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
1	2	3	4	5	6
Afghanistan	12810	13988	18799	23048	32427
Albania	112	230	228	271	218
Algeria	818	770	1174	1183	1043
Andorra	42	26	100	122	154
Angola	474	543	385	651	1851
Anguilla	0	0	12	21	17
Antigua & Barbuda	3	19	17	42	31
Antilles (Netherlands)	89	385	152	95	60
Argentina	2799	3392	4493	4988	5086
Armenia	264	310	371	444	1123
Aruba	14	21	22	34	28
Ascension Island	2	4	0	0	0
Australia	81654	96514	109867	136387	146190
Austria	21093	27386	28045	26824	25889
Azerbaijan	456	614	755	892	8908
Azores	2	3	1	0	0
Bahamas	36	177	105	144	169
Bahrain	4420	5009	4793	6785	7221
Bangladesh	490821	485640	484401	500234	539148

1	2	3	4	5	6
Barbados	201	199	269	367	290
Belarus	629	685	1077	1809	2155
Belgium	24031	25096	29156	34338	36263
Belize	388	685	624	698	349
Benin	3	120	24	77	103
Bermuda	1	2	12	20	30
Bhutan	7054	8126	8502	8683	9951
Bolivia	154	154	175	232	175
Bosnia & Herzegovina	46	78	155	257	281
Botswana	421	505	490	476	385
Brazil	7397	7001	9148	10999	11529
British Overseas City	4	0	1444	2784	4125
British Protectorate	18	3	78	156	301
British Solomon Isl.	27	25	58	77	31
British Sub. & Colo.	69	0	217	449	501
Brunei	498	581	538	382	5442
Bulgaria	1400	1716	2087	2281	2224
Burkina Faso	28	31	81	83	199
Burundi	69	81	199	202	338
Cambodia (Kampuchia)	640	562	804	1488	1596
Cameroon	81	182	217	381	467
Canada	135967	156287	176567	210183	222289
Cape Verde Islands	7	25	32	56	23
Cayman Island	4	5	17	29	17
Central African Rep.	198	1685	1861	390	59
Chad	121	403	348	84	105
Chile	1636	1618	1812	2517	2916
China	34113	44340	62330	88953	98092
China (Taiwan)	18179	19153	26503	29916	28939

1	2	3	4	5	6
China Turk	2	0	1	0	0
Christmas Islands	1	3	4	8	5
Ciskei	1	0	0	1	1
Colombia	1725	2035	2535	2878	2762
Comoros	56	142	113	156	85
Congo	244	367	447	542	670
Cook Island	7	8	0	14	6
Costa Rica	389	455	444	544	537
Croatia	1403	1564	2202	3176	2931
Cuba	179	212	234	291	283
Cyprus	431	646	826	779	809
Czech	4130	4655	5760	7525	8547
Dahomey	148	626	842	47	21
Deigo Garcia	1	0	0	0	0
Democratic Yemen	4	28	0	0	0
Denmark	15863	19893	21592	28387	34243
Djibouti	288	316	340	394	205
Dominican Island	6	9	32	25	39
Dominican Republic	265	525	347	321	234
East Timor	3	5	47	84	133
Ecuador	226	316	415	564	549
Egypt	3940	4061	5528	6301	5325
El Salvador	1078	1393	575	296	309
Equitorial Guinea	42	16	29	19	15
Eritrea	344	305	356	402	369
Estonia	593	939	2234	4791	4205
Ethiopia	2661	3224	3140	3569	3306
Falkland Islands	2	3	61	129	185
Faroes Island	4	0	26	54	45

1	2	3	4	5	6
Fiji	2003	2351	2412	2549	2129
Finland	12538	16000	22860	32832	29223
France	132050	151199	175345	203928	207782
French Guinea	2	2	160	299	726
French Plynesia	0	0	34	30	37
Gabon	23	70	153	76	120
Gambia	111	433	307	90	105
Georgia	438	485	659	2143	669
Germany	116748	129935	156808	188355	204293
Ghana	925	1209	1237	1314	1269
Gibralter	20	24	10	9	4
Greece	4716	4768	5146	6629	6671
Green Land	1	14	5	11	8
Grenada	1233	3237	2319	369	108
Guadeloupe	7	21	11	14	4
Guam	0	0	3	689	44
Guatemala	390	173	263	392	515
Guinea	171	148	159	216	211
Guinea Bissau	25	87	98	28	17
Guyana	359	444	413	414	288
Haiti	101	125	95	69	93
Hawaii	1	4	1	0	0
Honduras	80	137	225	189	234
Hong Kong	1965	1858	1466	1065	519
Hungary	3540	3795	4262	5078	5263
Iceland	245	401	755	2098	2013
Indonesia	11550	12853	16990	18759	19606
Iran	24835	28145	29771	32419	30147
Iraq	1153	1627	2432	4668	7789

1	2	3	4	5	6
Ireland	9004	11085	14936	18912	18906
Israel	39286	42944	42735	47109	42716
Italy	65572	67465	79978	93694	85718
Ivory Coast	243	488	397	327	348
Jamaica	340	371	514	558	463
Japan	96992	102760	119292	145461	145349
Jordan	2436	3354	3933	4535	4154
Kazakhstan	2476	3257	3883	5039	7534
Kenya	17593	19644	20313	24275	14938
Kingdom of Tonga	63	39	16	3	0
Kiribati	7	15	74	71	66
Korea (North) DPR	1479	2536	1513	1144	22
Korea South	47835	51750	70407	84754	79797
Kuwait	2965	3020	3773	4086	5302
Kyrghyzstan	612	542	543	816	1036
Laos	129	217	164	228	322
Latvia	605	1070	1409	2634	2610
Lebanon	2257	2295	2496	3340	3418
Lesotho	192	263	279	328	282
Liberia	123	158	164	162	171
Libya	384	490	594	614	494
Liechtenstein	41	59	57	149	100
Lithoria	32	37.	29	14	0
Lithuania	720	962	1331	1860	3436
Luxemberg	583	690	769	1092	1053
Macau	73	92	78	126	211
Malagasy (Madagascar)	106	217	283	228	686
Malawi	306	345	520	609	731
Malaysia	84390	98571	107286	114359	115792

1	2	3	4	5	6
Maldives	21681	34126	37652	45834	54956
Mali	2541	103	162	211	232
Malta	535	1764	1284	1453	665
Mariana Island	0	0	2	14	12
Marshal Island	0	0	3	19	8
Martinique	145	314	189	60	28
Mauritania	364	418	1095	529	363
Mauritius	19847	19994	20607	21397	19712
Mayotte	23	8	16	79	45
Mexico	4577	5382	6502	8310	9265
Micronesia	6	0	4	20	24
Moldova	245	140	227	214	286
Monaco	36	11	47	75	92
Mongolian	810	1018	1395	1889	2292
Montserrat	0	0	0	18	46
Morocco	1144	1316	1225	1370	1207
Mozambique	1044	1293	1331	1630	884
Myanmar	5061	5679	7734	9413	12147
Namibia	112	203	248	436	477
Nauru	13	8	165	289	234
Nepal	53207	79736	91552	84999	78109
Netherlands	51211	53459	58611	68244	71582
New Caledonia	7	8	16	111	43
New Herbrides (Vanuatu)	23	40	38	0	0
New Zealand	16762	20518	23493	27894	29255
Nicaragua	91	102	80	96	97
Niger Republic	1178	1140	529	411	337
Nigeria	6659	9967	9348	10821	13997
Niue Island	15	45	52	86	78

1	2	3	4	5	6
Norfolk Island	0	2	9	24	24
Norway	10631	11305	14216	19760	22364
Oman	14927	15021	17849	23104	34042
Others	13095	21073	24896	30644	30275
Pakistan	67416	94057	83426	107906	85527
Palau	9	5	33	86	64
Palestine	672	735	832	1040	770
Panama	492	599	722	820	793
Papua-New-Guinea	299	383	237	275	189
Paraguay	161	152	305	190	242
Peru	639	663	815	1083	1261
Philippines	10492	12479	15644	16937	17222
Poland	8508	10958	14808	20095	23511
Portugal	10655	11473	13108	15611	15415
Puerto Rico	1	6	12	21	20
Qatar	1788	2304	2392	2849	2934
Refugees (Stateless)	0	0	3	0	0
Reunion Island	16	54	86	156	75
Rodrigues Island	0	19	5	0	0
Romania	1938	2410	3102	3951	4689
Russia	47133	56625	62203	76766	91094
Rwanda	130	127	363	398	650
Saint Marin	1	0	0	0	0
Samoa (West) Togolese	6	25	204	28	30
Samoa American	0	0	234	1066	1431
San Marino	4	5	50	95	49
Sao Tome & Principe	27	31	31	46	18
Saudi Arabia	11932	12364	14006	15873	16983
Senegal	392	530	694	962	919

1	2	3	4	5	6
Seychelles	1383	1407	1425	1422	1386
Sierra Leone	118	595	509	416	416
Singapore	60710	71443	82574	92790	97849
Slovak Republic	213	283	1118	2046	2833
Slovenia	504	394	1129	2059	1770
Somalia	357	509	439	906	636
South Africa	32148	39234	41954	46205	42322
Spain	42897	45055	53520	63018	62501
Sri Lanka	129058	137661	154813	205834	218805
St. Lucia	38	55	153	129	104
St.Christopher & Nevis	0	0	0	70	88
St. Helena	0	0	22	52	141
St.Pierre & Maiqueldu	0	0	43	103	26
St.Vincent & Grenadines	0	0	22	33	34
Stateless	1365	1171	629	1781	1025
Stateless-Malaysia	24	20	10	0	0
Stateless-Tanzania	25	29	3	0	0
Stateless-United Kingdom	11	159	2	0	0
Stateless-Usa	5	16	0	0	0
Stateless-Vietnam	4	2	0	0	0
Sudan	2487	3637	4355	4356	3470
Suriname	614	705	750	792	511
Swaziland	587	919	969	590	313
Sweden	26184	29250	36013	48153	58955
Switzerland	28540	33591	37446	41017	42092
Syria	2349	2471	2645	3107	2883
Tajikistan	526	958	899	1021	861
Tanzania	9956	11119	11954	13732	14867
Thailand	33442	42245	46623	57049	58065

1	2	3	4	5	6
Tonga (Togo)	140	229	163	143	171
Transkei	42	94	71	0	10
Trinidad & Tobago	1095	1564	1508	1666	1412
Tunisia	1796	931	892	1004	1119
Turkey	7092	7916	10221	10650	10932
Turkmenistan	475	551	1193	1975	1316
Turks & Caicos Isl.	2	13	19	33	21
Tuvalu	41	104	483	98	81
U.S.A.	526120	618578	696739	794884	804811
Uganda	1560	1613	1696	1897	2285
Ukraine	5106	7140	8479	10873	12344
United Arab Emirates	23187	26545	27593	34381	63501
United Kingdom	556763	647787	734240	778155	776137
Upper Volta	6	1	1	0	0
Uruguay	336	239	688	785	917
Uzbekistan	1795	2125	2170	2573	2756
Vanuatu	4	7	15	25	28
Vatican City	25	44	42	54	37
Venda	1	0	0	0	0
Venezuela	909	1517	1518	1698	1879
Vietnam	2598	3509	3369	4782	4876
Virgin Isl.(UK)	2	0	0	13	9
Virgin Island(US)	0	1	1	11	6
Wallis Futuna Island	6	3	13	56	21
Yemen	8826	9614	9573	11007	11583
Yugoslavia	546	795	508	784	762
Zaire	2	5	19	9	16
Zambia	1469	1855	2069	2775	1995
Zimbabwe (Rhodesia)	851	1071	1133	1182	711
TOTAL :	3478444	3967382	4447167	5096990	5278852

Statement-II

Type of forgeries by foreigners during last 5 years

(Detected at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai & Amritsar Airports)

Type-wise forgeries	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
Photo Substitution	58	27	37	26	45	193
Page Substitution	51	14	15	18	33	131
A/D stamps forgery	23	06	05	05	05	44
Impersonation	63	28	21	36	84	232
Visa forged	75	02	68	71	69	285
Passport forged	54	30	40	26	27	177
PP obtained fraudulently	00	18	11	13	19	61
Others	76	155	79	171	99	580
TOTAL :	400	280	276	366	381	1703

Nepalis living in India

†2035. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether data is available with Government regarding the population of Indian Nepalis/Gorkha communities living permanently in India;

(b) if so, State-wise details of data; and

(c) the steps Government is taking for collective development and for redressal of caste based problems of Indian Nepalis/Gorkha communities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) At each census, the Scheduled Castes (SCs) & the Scheduled Tribes (STs) population are enumerated strictly as per the lists of SCs & STs valid within the jurisdiction of respective State at the time of census. The population of Nepali communities who have been notified as Scheduled Caste in the States of Sikkim and West Bengal as per 2001 Census are given below:

Sikkim		West Bengal	
Name of SC	Population	Name of SC	Population
Damai (Nepali)	7,448	Damai (Nepali)	17,387
Kami (Nepali), Lohar (Nepali)	17,950	Kami (Nepali)	49,704
Majhi (Nepali)	345	Sarki (Nepali)	11,111
Sarki (Nepali)	923		
TOTAL :	26,666	TOTAL :	78,202

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.